

HIGHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER -

September 2018



Message from the Headteacher



Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a brilliant Summer holiday break and enjoyed the record breaking weather.

We were all delighted to welcome our pupils and families back. A very special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception pupils and their families, I hope you settle quickly into our school. Please contact the office or your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

This year we received 460 applications for our 90 places available in our 3 Reception classes. At present we have 100 children on the waiting list with many families going through the appeals system with the Local Authority. I hope you are as delighted as I am in having your child attend our very popular school!

It was clear that so many of our pupils had missed coming to school and were looking forward to the year ahead. I was also very impressed with how smart our pupils looked in their full uniform and were wearing it with such pride. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who made this happen.

We held our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings in the first week. It was clear from the outcomes of the questionnaire you filled in that the vast majority of you all said how valuable these meetings are, that the information given was most helpful and that meeting the staff working with your child this year was so important. You also mentioned that having your child with you at the meeting helped the partnership between child, parent/carer and teacher in reinforcing the expectations.

A full analysis of the "Meet the Teacher" questionnaire will be posted onto the school website shortly.

It really has been a fantastic start back at school and we are all looking forward to a fun and exciting academic year ahead.

Walking around the classes, I was impressed with how quickly our pupils were settling into their new classes with their new teachers. The behaviour (as usual at Highfield) is outstanding!

What a great first month back.

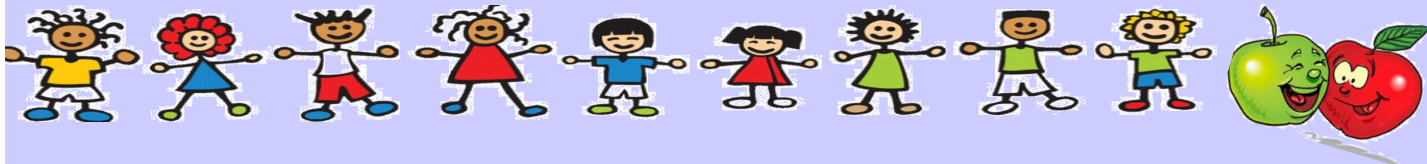
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MOBILE PHONES

Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones on the school premise. Under exceptional circumstances permission may be given. A parent/carer will need to put in writing reasons why their child would need to bring a phone to school; this does not mean that permission will be given. You can collect a form from the school office to apply.

A phone without agreed permission from the school will be confiscated and an adult will need to collect it.

PARENT PAY

Please remember to top up your dinner money accounts and keep them in **CREDIT**.

Contact telephone numbers

In line with '*Keeping Children Safe in Education*' guidance, it is vital that we have at least **two contact phone numbers** for your child. Please also ensure you update who is allowed to collect your child from school as we are unable to release pupils to persons who are not listed. Thank you.



Year 6 SATs and Secondary Transfer Meeting

On Thursday 6th September, the Year 6 parents were invited to attend a meeting on SATs and the Secondary Transfer process. This meeting was well attended and from parent evaluations; very helpful.

Miss Wren spoke to the parents about SATs week (Monday 13th May 2019- Thursday 16th May 2019). They were given information on the week itself, how they could help their children at home and how Highfield prepares the children for the week of SATs. Many parents said being shown some SATS questions and papers was very helpful.

Other parents commented on how useful the Secondary transfer information was. Important dates and the whole application process was spoken about.

If you were unable to attend these meetings, please go to the Parent/Carers section of our website, where the presentations are available for you to read through.

Leaving

Goodbye to Ms Ramen- Christensen who has worked at the school for the last 3 years.

Her role has been to work with children in the Reception and Year 1 classes and to engage and teach them in their phonics and reading skills. Her impact has been very successful.

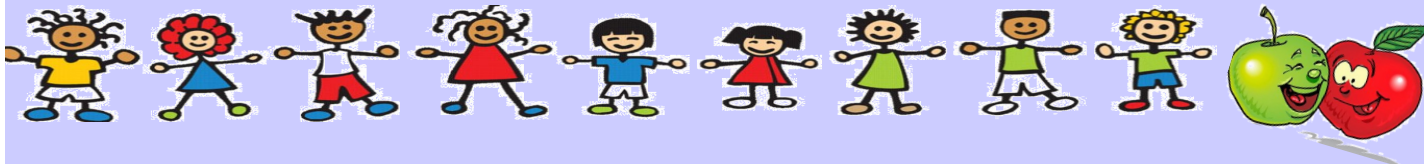
We wish her every success in her new job and thank her for her hard work and commitment to the children of Highfield.



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Our Moral Purpose

At Highfield we strive to provide each child with the tools they need to become their very best selves. We aim to instil within them the skills and values which will enable everyone to positively contribute to the diverse world we live in.

Our Vision

We passionately believe in developing a life-long love of learning within an inspirational and inclusive environment. Highfield is a warm and friendly place of co-operation, equality and respect.

Our Values

To instill a love of learning by:-

- Implementing a relevant creative curriculum designed to encourage independence and child-initiated learning
- Providing a stimulating learning environment to encourage investigative and meaningful engagement with the learning process

Providing excellent teaching of both the Primary Curriculum and the development of life skills

Everyone deserves to receive a high quality education by:-

- Teaching is personalised to meet the needs and preferred learning styles of all learners
- Believing and acting on the premise that every child matters

Providing appropriate resources and opportunities

We treat each other with empathy and kindness, and we are polite to each other by:-

- Promoting a high standard of behaviour in our school community through well-established policies and procedures such as our Golden Rules
- Understanding both our rights and responsibilities at school and in the wider community

Raising self-esteem and self-worth through ensuring that our children reach their full potential.

School Councillors

Year 3:

George, Nelly, Mia G, Eren, Mia A, Can

Year 4:

Kerem, Kimaya, Brouklin, Barrienne-Lexi, Sophia, Salomon

Year 5:

Ola, Christian, Jessica, Huseyin, Kaya, Cassidy

Year 6:

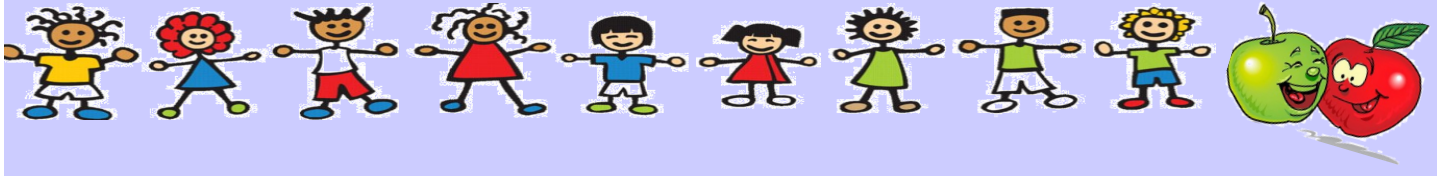
Salah, Angela, **Dorces - Chair, Sabaoth- Vice Chair, Nehir - Vice Chair, Zane - Secretary**



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Language of the term

The language of the term is **Romanian**. Here are some useful words:

Hello: Salut
 Good morning: Bună dimineața
 Good afternoon: Bună Ziua
 Goodbye: La revedere
 Welcome: Bun venit
 Thank you: Mulțumesc
 Please: Vă rog
 Sorry: Scuză
 Yes: Da
 No: Nu



Gaudi Garden

THANK YOU

A very **BIG** thank you to Ms Palmier , Mrs Daot , Oliver in 2D, Kayla in 2B, Zuzanna in 2S, Dureen in 3I, Kiani in 3L and Dennis in 3AC who have worked really hard and kindly planted some new flowers and plants as well as tidying up our beautiful Gaudi Garden.

Our Gaudi Garden is a special place where the children enjoy going to. It is where they can have some quiet time. They can enjoy the lovely mosaic sculptures and the flowers and plants.

Many children say *"Its a great place to think"*



JTA Early Morning Survey

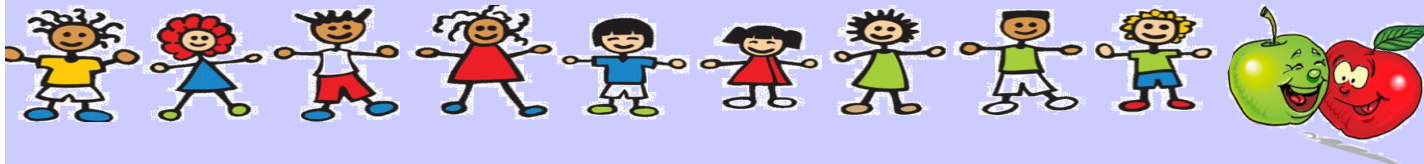
On Friday 28th September Highfield's Junior Travel Ambassadors came to school early so that they could carry out a before school survey. They were extremely fortunate that PC Doris was able to come along to help them and ensure that every member of the Highfield community is safe on their way to school. The JTA children monitored how safely children were arriving at school, including safe dropping off from cars and if children were holding their adults hand whilst crossing the road. They were extremely happy that they didn't see anyone on their mobile phone whilst driving, however they did observe that a large number of adults and children were crossing the road at unsafe locations. This is the area that the JTA children have decided to focus on this term.



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Junior Travel Ambassadors Gold Award!

Highfield's JTA worked extremely hard last year to promote road safety throughout our school. The highlights included carrying out an early morning school traffic survey with PC Doris, promoting Road Safety Week by creating books and videos for the whole school to access, and presenting the benefits of Highfield's new walk to school map to chair of governors Mrs Wren. All of their hard work has meant that they have been awarded as a 'STARS accredited Gold award school' by TFL. This is a fantastic achievement that they thoroughly deserve. Well done to all the children who were involved.



JOE WICKS SCHOOL FITNESS WEEK WITH YEAR 6

Joe Wicks announced his highly anticipated Schools Fitness Week on Monday 10th September and our energetic Year 6 children were ready to join hundreds of thousands of children (and teachers) from around the country, to take part in a high intensity, workout via his live-stream channel.

Each day the children completed a range of exercises from push ups and lunges to high knees and star jumps. The exercise which caused the brightest cheeks were the squats and quick feet.

Zane (6P) " I enjoyed working hard and being motivated by a REAL celebrity!".

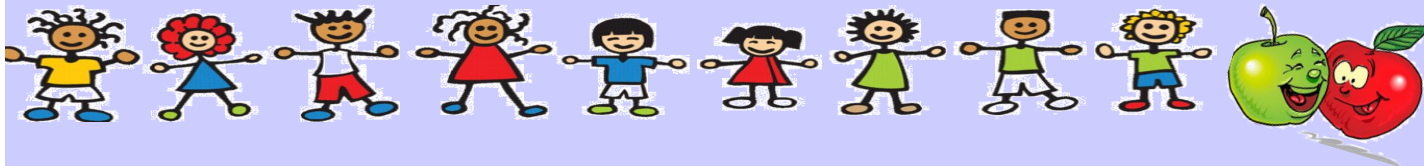
Christiana (6B) " I loved the work and feel so much fitter after this week!"



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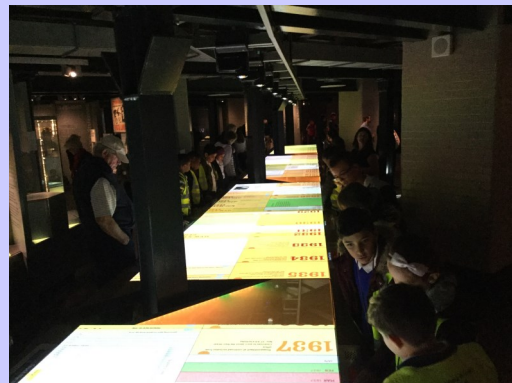
Year 6 Churchills War Museum

Year 6 went on a memorable trip to London to discover the secrets hidden beneath the streets of Westminster in the underground war rooms, where Winston Churchill and his inner circle directed the Second World War. They were able to see, touch and hear invaluable information, which enriched their learning experience.

Since it was a beautiful day in sunny London, the teachers and the children decided to have a picnic in the park, visit Buckingham palace and wave to the pelicans in St James' park. It was a wonderful day overall, especially when our children behaved "impeccably" according to many public commuters.

Victor "I enjoyed learning about Winston Churchill's life and legacy"

Dorces "I liked how we got to walk in the footsteps of church and saw Buckingham palace"



**WE ARE
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CANCER SUPPORT**



Macmillan Coffee and Cake Morning!

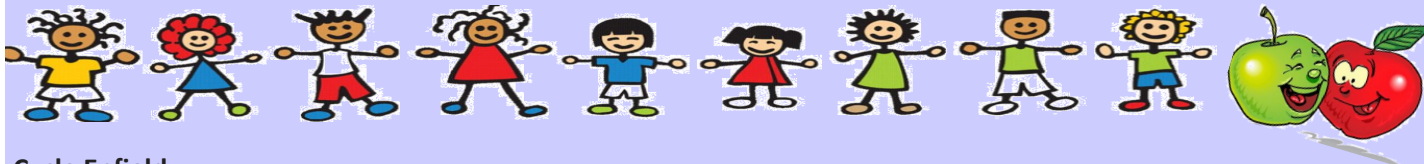
Thank you to the Friends of Highfield for another fantastic annual Coffee and Cake Morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. It was lovely to see so many friends and families together for such a great cause. The staff at Highfield also took part in their own Bake Off to support the charity and star bakers have been chosen. Thank you everyone for your generous donations.



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Cycle Enfield

Cycle Enfield will once again be offering FREE half term holiday cycle skills for various age groups **Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October**. These free sessions are happening at Russet House School. Please bear in mind this is the only opportunity for younger children (age 4-9) to receive training. Training can be booked here: <http://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/enfield/> Happy Cycling!

Where: Russet House School

Booking restriction: Live, work or study in Enfield

Price: Free

Schedule:

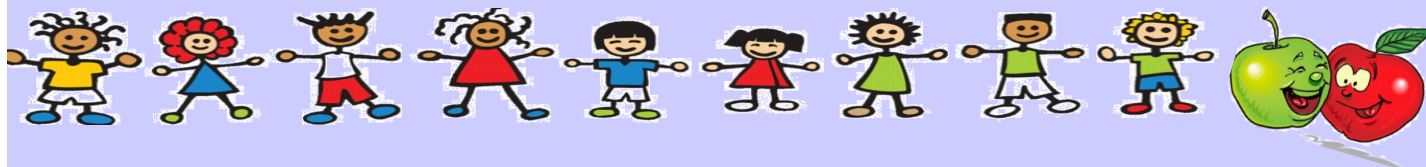
Date	Russet House School
Monday 22 nd October 2018	Complete beginners (4-9) primer group training 9am-11am
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	Children (6-9) off road group training 1:30pm-15:30pm
Tuesday 23 rd October 2018	Complete beginners (4-9) primer group training 9am-11am
	Complete beginners (4-9) primer group training 11am-13:00pm
	Children (6-9) off road group training 1:30pm-15:30pm
Wednesday 24 th October 2018	Complete beginners (4-9) primer group training 9am-11am
	Complete beginners (4-9) primer group training 11am-13:00pm
	Children (6-9) off road group training 1:30pm-15:30pm
Thursday 25 th October 2018	Complete beginners (4-9) primer group training 9am-11am
	Complete beginners (4-9) primer group training 11am-13:00pm
	Children (6-9) off road group training 1:30pm-15:30pm
Friday 26 th October 2018	Complete beginners (4-9) primer group training 9am-11am
	Complete beginners (4-9) primer group training 11am-13:00pm
	Children (6-9) off road group training 1:30pm-15:30pm



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Who are the Friends of Highfield?

We are simply parents, carers, staff and Governors

As the Friends of Highfield (FoH) our aim is to raise money for our school by organising fun community events for the children, their families and the local community.

The money we raise is allocated to things the children and school request.

We support the school with events that we can all enjoy such as the annual Summer Fete and Christmas Grotto.

We are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in getting involved and helping in any way you can, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact the school office with your name, phone number and email, or alternatively contact the Chair of FoH Kirsty Tindle- friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com

Alternatively, please just come along to one of our coffee mornings announced on the school's website and also by text. Everyone, including the little ones, are always welcome and it's a great opportunity to find out more about upcoming events and meet other parents and carers.

Sign up to FoH News-Email:

friendsofhighfield@hotmail.com

Search for us on Facebook:

The Friends of Highfield

FoH Committee and key roles - 2018-2019

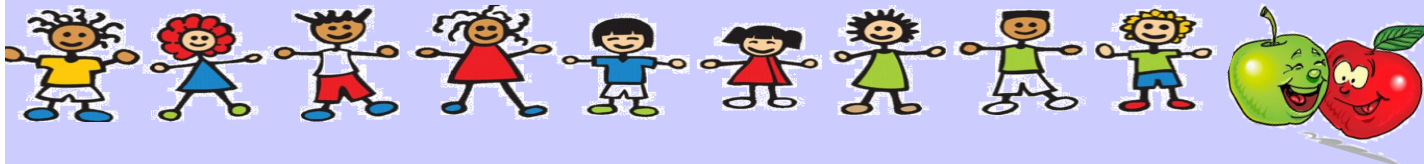
Committee	
Chair	Kirsty Tindle
Vice Chair	Ceylan Aristides
Treasurer	Siobhan Sweeney
Secretary	Sarah Strong Charlotte Guha
Other Key Members	
Class Parent Reps & Marketing Officer	Andre Theodorou
Facebook updates	Helen Aletra



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Class Parent Representatives 2018-2019

Class	Parent
N am	Position still available
N pm	Maria Naghshbandi
RJ	Andrea Vivas
RF	Position still available
RH	Carlien Rendall
1M	Asha Dhanji
1J	Kirsty Tindle
1P	Juliet Wood
	Molly Taylor
2B	Angela Brookes
2S	Janine Stewart
2D	Hannah Ruthven
3I	Claire Varnavides
3L	Anastasia Arvanitidou
	Jane Warrington
3CA	Eugenia Kyprianou
4A	Position still available
4MC	Monica Farfan
4M	Asha Dhanji
5M	Anthony Hughes
5D	Skevi Menicou
5B	Catherine Johnston
6P	Position still available
6B	Position still available

Make a difference!

The class representative role is a voluntary role which can help you get to know parents across the whole school. It is fun and is not too time consuming. Please note that class representatives are not to be used to help other parents express concerns about their own children. This should continue to be done directly between the parents themselves and the teacher.

If you are a parent/carer and haven't already passed on your contact details to your class rep, please do so to enable them to add you to the class WhatsApp or email group.

What is the role of a parent representative?

* The parent representative serves a primary role in maintaining good communication between parents, while also being a valuable resource to the teacher and the class.

* Liaise with the parents in the class by keeping them informed of activities and events organised by the class teacher.

* When possible, attend meetings run by the PTA to be kept informed of upcoming events and to pass on suggestions from other parents. If you work full time, please don't let this put you off becoming a class rep. You will be emailed the minutes from our meetings if you are unable to attend.

* Encourage parents to donate resources or volunteer when requested by the class teacher or by the PTA.

* Regularly visit the Friends of Highfield link on the school website and read the monthly newsletter so that you are aware of what is happening in the school.

How to get involved

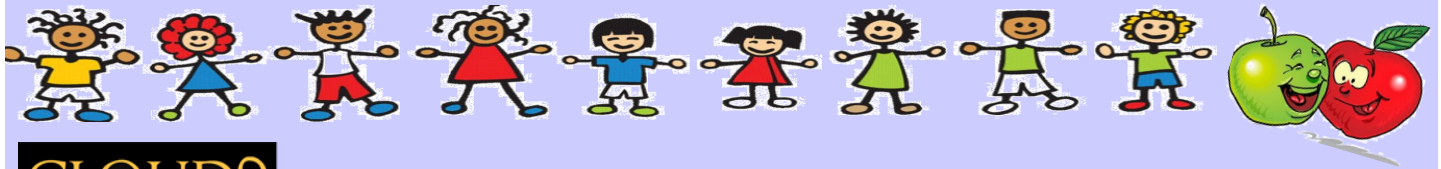
* If you wish to put yourself forward as a class rep, please email Andre Theodorou – andre.foh@hotmail.com Please include your **full name**, **mobile number**, your **child's name** and their **class** that you wish to represent.



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CLOUD9 WELLNESS HUB

YOGA AFTER SCHOOL

Ages 4-8 years

Mondays 16:15 - 17:00

Cloud9 Wellness Hub: 869 Green Lanes, London, N21 2QS

Bookings: www.cloud9wellnesshub.com

info@cloud9wellnesshub.com



CLOUD9 WELLNESS HUB

Hello Parents & Students of Highfield School

Children's Yoga (age 4-7)

Modern life is hectic! Giving children time to reflect and simply be still and calm in a non-threatening, non-competitive and friendly environment is a great gift. Yoga provides time for the mind to slow down and settle.

Yogis of this age develop self-confidence, self-awareness, acceptance and tolerance. Physically, their bodies become stronger and more flexible with increased co-ordination and body awareness.

Newly opened Cloud9 Wellness Hub delivers wellbeing classes, workshops and events in mindfulness, meditation yoga, and Pilates to Enfield's local community.

Cloud9 Wellness Hub is a unique space within the heart of Enfield Borough on the ever-evolving Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, N21. Run by local sisters and business

partners Jessica Ashby, an aerial and skating performer and wellness instructor, and Billboard recording artist Juliette Ashby, they have created a calm and welcoming space that local people can come and be without judgment from themselves or others. The space is available to all ages and genders promoting wellbeing for the body, mind and soul. Cloud9 teachers are qualified industry professionals and deliver excellent professional tuition and have a passion for teaching the importance of wellbeing for adults & children. To book your child's place this term simply register online at www.cloud9wellnesshub.com. There are limited places available.

For more information please visit: www.cloud9wellnesshub.com

Social Media: <https://www.instagram.com/cloud9wellnesshub/>

<https://www.facebook.com/cloud9wellnesshub/>

For private bookings or to contact C9WH directly please contact **Juliette Ashby**: info@cloud9wellnesshub.com 07983352626

Carey Hall Playgroup

Daily Pick up/Drop off service

From Highfield Nursery to Carey Hall Preschool

Does your child attend Highfield nursery? Do you work, lead a busy life or just need an additional pair of hands? Then our service might be for you.

Carey Hall Preschool aims to provide childcare for additional hours from Monday to Friday. The service is a safe, secure and prompt pick up of your child, who will then be escorted to Carey Hall Preschool (5 minute walk). There are two sessions; morning or afternoon. Morning sessions include a pick up at 8.55am from Highfield Nursery and a drop off back to Highfield Nursery at 12.15pm. Afternoon sessions include a pick up at 11.45am and a drop off at 3.15pm. Please contact Lisa Walford if you are interested and for more information.

Carey Hall Preschool

Winchmore Hill Baptist Church
Compton Road
London
N21 3PA

Lisa Walford
Manager and Director
07985101826
careyhallpreschool@gmail.com

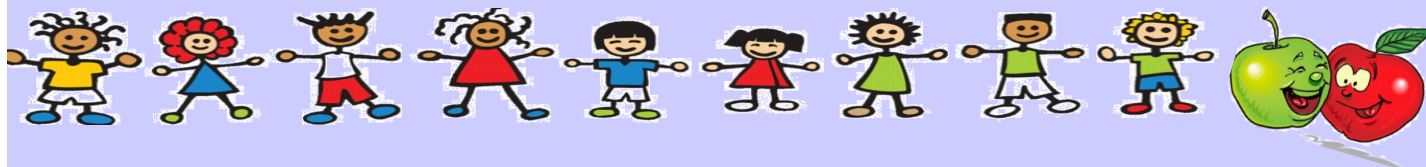


Providing children with better beginnings

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ATTENDANCE

MAKE EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNT

At Highfield Primary - Attendance & Punctuality

Regular attendance and punctuality at school is very important for your child's wellbeing. Children who miss school are missing out on essential social interaction which can affect their ability to make friends. The facts show that if your child doesn't attend school regularly, they are less likely to do as well as other children.

At Highfield we are committed to working together with parents to increase the attendance and punctuality of all our pupils.

Although being absent cannot always be helped as we all do become ill from time to time, please note at Highfield School we expect all our children to aim for 100% attendance each half term and to be on time every day, every week! Take a look at the table below to show you exactly what your child could be missing over the year.

TIME ABSENT FROM SCHOOL	ATTENDANCE
0	100% attendance
10 DAYS	95% attendance
19 DAYS	90% attendance
28 DAYS	85% attendance
More than half a term	80% attendance
9 + weeks	75% attendance

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

As well as being absent a lot from school affecting your child's development being **LATE** also has a big effect, please look at the table below.

Lateness = Lost Learning (figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 mins late each day	3 days lost
10 mins late each day	6.5 days lost
15 mins late each day	10 days lost
20 mins late each day	13 days lost
30 mins late each day	19 days lost

Every day your child is absent from school affects their education! You will notice from the figures above, that the odd day off really does mount up. Please be aware that Highfield School **WILL NOT AUTHORISE** any **HOLIDAYS** during term time, this is done in the interest of your child's education.

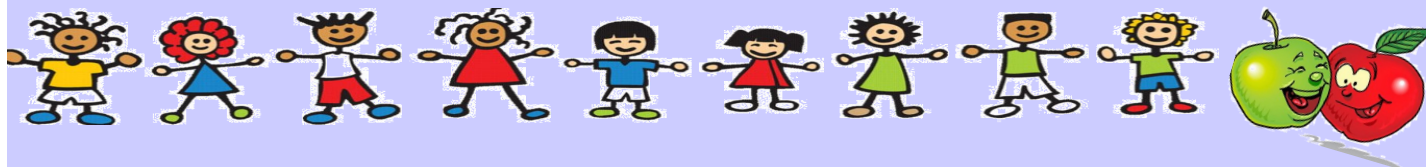
Total 95.98



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October 2018	Diary Dates
Monday 1st October	Harvest Festival Assembly—Year 1
Wednesday 3rd October	Year 5 visiting Hampton Court
	ESOL
Friday 5th October	Class Assembly 4MC
Monday 8-9th October	Shakespeare Workshop for Year 5
Wednesday 10th October	ESOL
Friday 12th October	Class Assembly 4A
Monday 15th October	Parent/Carer Meeting 4-6.30pm
Wednesday 17th October	ESOL
	Parent/Carer Meeting 4-6pm
Monday 22-26th October	Half Term
Monday 29th October	Inset Day
Tuesday 30th October	First day back for children
	Individual photos for Nursery-Siblings-Absentess

DRIVING SAFELY & PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Thank you to the vast majority of parent/carers who are taking road safety outside our school very seriously. It is so important that everyone does this to avoid putting our children in danger. It is in the interest of all our children that everyone drives carefully.

Could we please ask parent/carers NOT to use the car park entrance of the school as a place to turn their vehicles around. Children and parents are walking across it. We need to keep everyone safe.

PARKING ACROSS RESIDENTS' DRIVES

Unfortunately, we have had several complaints of a small number parents parking across local residents' drives. This behaviour is unacceptable and means that residents have been unable to pick their children up from school, have missed medical appointments and has generally caused them inconvenience. Please do not park in front of peoples' drives. There is alternative parking further away from the school and we would encourage people not to drive at all if possible, as the high number of vehicles around the school make it dangerous for children. At Highfield we are part of the local community and we need to respect everyone in it.



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